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☞ The dates of Events refer to the time of the news of the same reaching Boston.

General Agents' Day Book of Work and Events.

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Mar. 1. ## Renewal of Agency.

" 1-4. Long letter to E. Wigham, on the War, and American Anti-Slavery affairs.
[I being then at Leicester.]

" 5. To Bohm. — Confered with E. A. Heywood, & receives Papers, Memoranda, &c. from him, Took Check to Lewis Jones's house, for 18.78.

" 6. Called Board & Ex. Com. Meetings for 7th;
Forwarded Andover Petition to Congress to save C. Sumner, with a Note; Signed by Gray, Jenkins, & 227 others.

" 7. Letter to Edinburgh, additional; with annual acct. to E. Wigham.
President's Message to Congress, advising them to propose a gradual "abolishment" of Slavery, with offers of help from Federal Government; to such as accept the offer. If refused, he intimates that worse may befal.

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7th P.M. Board of Exec. Com.tee met.

Interview with Rev. Mr. Butler, formerly Missionary in Africa, (East Coast,) in regard to the 4 Africans who, for a time, were at the Aquarial Gardens; but have now, by a shameful disregard of the Contract with them, on the part of the Aquarial Gardens proprietors, been sent to the State Almshouse at Bridgewater. —

[Lieut. Dillingham, Agent for bringing the Negroes from Sc. Africa
Mr. Hamilton ? State Alien Commissioner; Long Wharf. —

8. Mr. Butler again — appointed Tuesday to see the Governor.

P.M. To Leicester.

9.10. [At Leicester — very poorly in health, & kept house.]

The "Merrimac" gets out of Norfolk, sinks the U.S. Frigate "Cumberland", and takes the "Congress" (on Sat'y, 8th), & herself set on by Ericsson Propeller "Monitor" on Sunday, 9th and after a severe fight draws off crippled.

Per Contra the Federal forces occupy Leesburgh and Winchester, Virginia; also Centreville & Fairfax Court House. They also defeat Price & Macculloch in Arkansas. Com. Dupont's fleet take possession of Fernandina and St. Mary's, Florida, with scarce a shot fired!

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Mar. 11. A. M. To Boston. — Met Rev. Mr. Butler, and with him called upon the Governor at his private room. He referred us to Dr. Wheelwright, State Alien Commissioner, whom we afterwards saw. We found the business, upon which we called, likely to receive attention.

U. S. Senate, by a vote of 29 to 9, passed the Bill prohibiting any officer of the U. S. Army or Navy from taking any part in returning fugitive Slaves.

— Sent to Hon. H. Wilson Petition from Leominster — signed by 198 — for Abolition of Slavery under War Power.

— Letter from S. B. Anthony, in reply to mine of 9th inst.

" 12. Manassas Gap evacuated by Rebels, & occupied by U. S. Army. Genl. Fremont appointed to the "Mountain District". — Pensacola evacuated — & Bragg & his forces said to be on their way to (or in) North Carolina, — threatening Burnside & his command in Albemarle Sound.

Rumor of Bragg in N. C. proved false. Burnside, with the aid of the Naval forces under Goldsborough, captured Newbern, on the Neuse, — but with considerable loss.

" 17. On the Mississippi river, New Madrid, Mo., and Hickman, Ky. are taken.

Mar. 18. Great success of Wendell Phillips in Washington. (1.) Gives two lectures to crowded audiences. (2.) On Sunday speaks to Mass^tts troops on the Coast of Virginia. (3.) Visits the President by special appointment. (4.) Visits Senate Chamber, and is received with marked respect by V. Prest., Mr. Hamlin. (5.) Many private attentions.

" 19. C. C. Burleigh sends 1st instalment of Report for 1860-1861 — 20 pages. [Placed in C. K. Wis hands, for 1st reading.]

H. G. Denny calls to confer about the printing of Conway's "Rejected Stone".

— M. D. Conway gives a 2d Lecture, & a fine one.

" 20. The Rebel Envoy, & Arch Mischief-Maker Yancey captured, in attempting to run the blockade; the valet was disguised as a common Sailor. [This proved to be false!]

St. Augustine, Fla, taken by Com. Dupont.

The private Steam. "Nashville" runs the blockade with a valuable cargo of cotton & naval stores!!!

" 23. Severe battle at Winchester, Va, resulting in the defeat of the Rebels under Gen. Johnston, & the capture of Winchester & other places.

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Mar. 24. Mob at Cincinnati (eve &) breaks up W. Phillips's Lecture and seeks his life; but again he is delivered out of their hands.

Earl Russell, in Parliament, declares the American Blockade to be "effective". — Mr. W. E. Forster, in a Speech in the H^s. of Commons, declares that the pretended list of 300 vessels running the blockade had been reduced to 19.

April — The following disgraceful provision — cruel, atrocious, & in the worst spirit of slavery — belongs to Illinois. — It will doubtless be adopted; but something to prevent must be done,

CONTRABANDS IN ILLINOIS. The new constitution of Illinois, which is to be submitted to a vote of the people in June, contains the following provisions:

Sec. 1. No negro or mulatto shall migrate or settle in this State after the adoption of this constitution.

Sec. 2. No negro or mulatto shall have the right of suffrage, or hold any office in this State.

Sec. 3. The General Assembly shall pass all laws necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Tribune & Post, Apr. 4, '62.

April 2^d. On this day, the U.S. Senate passed the resolution that the U. States ought to co-operate with the States in Emancipation, — conformably to the President's recommendation. Yeas, 32 Nays 10 as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Anthony, Browning, Chandler, Clark, Collamer, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Fessenden, Foote, Foster, Grimes, Hale, Harlan, Henderson, Howard, Howe, King, Lane of Indiana, Lane of Kansas, Morrill, Pomeroy, Sherman, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Thompson, Trumbull, Wade, Wilkinson, Willey, Wilmot, Wilson of Massachusetts—32.

Nays—Bayard, Carlisle, Kennedy, Latham, Nesmith, Powell, Saulsbury, Starke, Wilson of Missouri, Wright—10.

April 3. And, this day, the Senate paped the Bill for the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia! Amen! The vote was 29 to 14.

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Vote, in U.S. Senate, apr. 3/62 to abolish Slavery in the District of Columbia

Apr. 11. (Thereabouts) The House of Representatives passed the same Bill — by a Vote of 93 to 39! Amen! & Amen!

Yeas—Messrs. Anthony, Browning, Chandler Clark, Collamer, Dixon, Doolittle, Fessenden Foot, Foster, Grimes, Hale, Harlan, Haines, Howard, Howe, King, Lane of Indiana, Lane of Kansas, Morrill, Pomeroy, Sherman, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Trumbull, Wade, Wilmot and Wilson of Massachusetts—29.

Nays—Messrs. Bayard, Carlisle, Davis, Henderson, Kennedy, Latham, McDougall, Nesmith Powell, Saulsbury, Starke, Willey, Wilson of Missouri and Wright—14.

There was applause in the galleries when the chair declared the vote.

Adjourned.

April 16. President Lincoln signs the Bill for Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia. — He little knows how great & good & beneficent an act he has performed. No President of the U. States has ever set his name to so truly great & glorious an instrument. And for this memorable & honorable result, no small credit is due to Henry Wilson, Senator from Massachusetts. — Slavery lives no longer at the Seat of Government of the United States. —

mr About this time we hear —

And so I find it quite in vain & useless to keep up a Record of Events Occurring, and must confine myself herein more strictly to Anti-Slavery business.

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June 17. John F. Emerson, (of New Bedford formerly,) now at 38 Dover St. has a collection of A. S. Books & pamphlets which he wishes to dispose of, and some of which he would contribute to the Cause. – Would like to receive calls, to see them.

" Mr. Tyler (of T. & Studley, Court St. c. Court Sq.) called to inquire if I had given my name or any recommendation to a colored man named. William A. Smith; who has been collecting money, at Newton & elsewhere, "to take his family to Liberia." – He is the same (undoubtedly) who has lately been at Portsmouth, & elsewhere, using my name & others fraudulently; – he uses the same name. I have written a notice of caution about him, for this week's "Liberator".

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Sept. 22d.

On this day President Lincoln issued a Proclamation that the Slaves in all States, or parts of States, which, on the first day of January next, should continue in Rebellion against the government, shall be "thenceforward and forever free".

It appeared in the papers of the principal towns & cities of the country on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 23d.

On the day previous (22d) had appeared in the Boston papers the Manifesto of Joel Parker, Benj. F. Thomas, Amos A. Lawrence, C. Sutton, and other odds & ends of parties, but chiefly "Bell-Everett" men, to the number of about 1700 (so said), calling a People's Convention, [well understood to be for the overthrow of Charles Sumner and John A. Andrew,], and denouncing all radical & unconstitutional action, — (Proclamations coming in for a special share of contempt,) — and pledging full & hearty support to President Lincoln! Next morning comes

President Lincoln's Proclamation!!!

Said Joel, Benjamin, Amos, &c. &c., taking to their embrace those innocent lambs Charles G. Greene of the "Boston Post", John C.

* Sutton, democrat of Brandreth

Tucker, of North End Rowdy memory, and others of like kidney, — and "counting in such men as William Gray, Benjamin R. Curtis, Geo. W. Richardson, George S. Davis, etc. etc. !! — proceeded to organize a "People's Party" ["People's Portsoth). They organized, appointed Joel Parker and William D. Swan their Chief Managers, and proceeded, by music, marches, Mass Meetings, &c. & to revolutionize the good Old Commonwealth. Col. Saltonstall got up an infamous innuendo about Governor Andrew & the Altoona Conference of Governors. The "Boston Post" helped concoct & circulate this & other lies — such as the bringing 500 families of Contrabands into Massachusetts, &c. &c. The terrible defeat of the Republicans was promised.

November 4th came - Election Day. Gov. Andrew is re-elected by 35,000 majority - The Pro-Slavery, Hunker Democratic, "People's" Party - elected no Governor, no Lieut. Gov, no State Officer, no Member of Congress, (tho they thought they had chosen John Q. Adams!) & got only 5 or 6 Senators out of 40, and less than 40 Representatives to 180 Republicans and Union men.

But what must prove the bitterest

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drop in their cup is that the horrible deed of proposing the removal of Genl. McClellan, which Saltonstall & the rest charged on Govr. Andrew, was on the 7th of November done by President Lincoln himself.

Nov. 10. Come the tidings that on the 7th Genl. McClellan was relieved from the Command of the Army of the Potomac, and Genl. Burnside, of Rhode Island, appointed his Successor.

Laus Deo!

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